



December 11, 2017 | 9:00 – 11 am

MAPC Conference Room, 3rd Floor

60 Temple Place, Boston

MEETING SUMMARY

Introduction:

Pat Field (Consensus Building Institute) opened the meeting at 9 AM and reviewed the agenda. The group approved the October meeting summary and agreed to approve the November meeting summary before the January 2018 meeting.

Modeling update:

Mark Abbott and Scott Peterson (CTPS) provided an update on progress modeling the final package of alternative components and briefly explained additional specifications of the proposed I-93 Northbound on-ramp with access at Route 1 ramps, based on preliminary highway engineering analysis.

Outline for Concluding Report:

Chris Kuschel (MAPC) reviewed the proposed format for the final report of the LMRWG and requested feedback from the group. The group reviewed the new report format that MassDOT uses, which is interactive, uses GIS, and generally has broader flexibility to include non-text components alongside text. The group was assured that hard-copy and PDF versions could also be produced from this format.

The group discussed potential key learnings and recommendations for the report, and agreed to refine these conclusions after reviewing the package model results. Marc Draisen (MAPC) emphasized the importance of highlighting land use findings in the report.

Accessibility analysis:

Tim Reardon (MAPC) presented a preliminary accessibility analysis framework, the product of joint work between MAPC and CTPS, to the group. He explained that the aim of the framework was to assess how the alternatives analyzed impact how people get where they need to go and how long travel times are. Mr. Reardon showed examples of this analysis to gauge how many jobs can be reached in given intervals of time, as well as how many workers are accessible to employers in given intervals of time, by neighborhood, for both single-occupant vehicle and transit users. This analytical framework, after further refinement, would help assess the utility of alternatives in terms of their ability to improve mobility for users of the transportation system and to improve connections between labor and jobs in the study area.



Options for continued collaboration and funding of further studies:

Group members discussed the possibility of applying for Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) Community Mitigation Funds (CMF) in the future for further studies to build on recommendations coming out of the LMRWG. John Ziemba (MGC) provided background information on the requirements and criteria for applications to the CMF. MAPC offered assistance to municipalities interested in applying for funds in future application cycles.

Mr. Field reviewed next steps and action items for the group. The meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.